Report of
The Expert Committee
for the
preservation of Antiquities
in
Government Buildings, Tamilnadu
1985

Commissioner of Museums
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INTRODUCTION

There is at present a growing realisation that even everyday objects of the recent past which my not be considered antiques and art treasures - have their own value in that they recall to us the ethos of the period to which they belong. It is this principle that was the basis for the Governement of Tamil Nadu constituting in November 1983 an Expert Committe to identify such objects in government buildings. During its tenure of two years, te Committe made earnest efforts to collect lists of such objects in Government buildings, and this Report is the result of its work. What has been done by the Committeee is the beginning of an endeavour to make safe for posterity a part of national heritage which is redolent of a period tha is fast disappearing into the recesses of time.

While presenting the Report, I wish to acknowledge the fullest cooperation extended by all the members of the Committeee to make its functioning smooth and successful.

N. HARINARAYANA

Director of Museums &

Chairman of the Expert Cokmittee

MADRAS

November 7, 1985.

REPORT OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ANTIQUITIES IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN TAMIL NADU

(Constituted by the Government of Tamil Nadu)

In G O Ms. Mo 2146, Education, Science and Technology Department dated 14 11 83 (Appendix I), the Government of Tamil Nadu constitued an Expert Committee for identifying the large number of antiquities in Government Buildings in Tamil Nadu The tenure of the Committee was for a year from the date of issue of the order namely 14 11 83, but at the request of the Committee at its meeting on August 13, 1984, it was extended for one more year from 14 11.84. As per the Government Order, the following are the members of the Committee

1 Director of Museums	..	Chairman
2 Director of Archaeology	.	Member
3 Chief Engineer (Buildings) Public Works Department or his nominee	.	Member
4 Director of Municipal Administration or his nominee		Member
5 Curator (Archaeological Section), Government Museum, Madras		Member
6. Curator (Anthropology Section), Government Museum, Madras		Member
7 Registering Officer (Archaeology Department), Madras	.	Member

The Government Order sets down the functions of the Committee as follows

1 The antiquities such as old paintings, furniture, art objects, crockery etc., kept in Government buildings (i e) Raj Bhavan, circuit houses, guest houses municipal buildings, etc. should be identified.

2 After identification necessary steps shall be taken for their proper preservation The Government Order also stated that in the case of government buildings in districts, the work of identifying them may be entrusted to the Registering

Officers of the Department of Archaeology and the Curators of the District Museums of the Department of Museums, and requested the Collectors of districts to extend necessary facilities to the Registering Officers of the Archaeology Department and the Curators of the Museum Department. Besides, the Government Order permitted the co-option of the Curator for Chemical Conservation in the Government Museum, Madras for preservation of the objects that are identified by the Committee

In the course of its tenure, the Committee met fifteen times (on 16 4 84, 21 5 84, 19.6.84, 13.8.84, 24 9 84, 29 10 84, 3 12 84, 21 1 85, 18.2 85, 22 4 85, 20 5 85, 24.6 85, 19 8 85, 23 9 85, 18 10 85) and discussed the matter of identifying the antiquities in government buildings in detail At its very first meeting, the Expert Committee defined for itself the scope of its enquiry. It resolved that as objects over hundred years old came under the purview of the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act of 1972 and hence were registered by the Archaeology Department, the Committee may identify objects less than 100 years old but pertaining to a period earlier than Independence This criterion was adopted because such objects have a value of their own as period pieces but being in many cases damaged and old-fashioned in appearance are often neglected and are either modified or disposed of It is these objects which have to be identified and steps taken to preserve them The Committee also resolved that a circular letter may be sent to the officers of the State Government Departments requesting them to provide a list of objects like paintings, art objects, furniture, crockery etc. available in the building under their charge (Appendix II) At its meeting on June 19, 1984, the Committee reviewed the response from the various officers addressed and found that there was not sufficient response and felt that it may be due to a difficulty in categorising the objects to be identified and resolved that a second circular may be issued listing the type of objects which are to be identified and listed (Appendix II-A) More replies were received for this circular, but many of them were in the nature of 'nil' replies After analysing the reasons for such a large number of 'nil' replies, the Committee felt that there was still some difficulty in understanding the types of objects to be identified, and that possibly proper replies could be received if a questionnaire was issued Accordingly a questionnaire was printed and issued to all Collectors and Departmental Heads in January 1985 (Appendix III) At its meeting held on August 13, 1984, the Committee reviewed the work done till then and felt the need to request the Government to extend the tenure of the Committee for six months from November 14 1984 so as

to enable it to collect the required data completely After due consideration, Government in its G.O Ms. No. 229, Tamil Development-Culture Department dated 8 8 85. extended the tenure of the Committee by one year from November 14 1984 (Appendix VI)

Meanwhile an interim report of the Expert Committee for the period from 14 11 83 to 31 1 84 was submitted to Government on January 31, 1985 (Appendix IV) Moreover, as recommended by the Expert Committee, the various heads of the departments who are members of the Committee also addressed their district officers for preparing lists and sending them to the Chairman of the Committee at Madras

To date, one hundred and forty responses to the questionnaire have been received by the Committee from different districts in the State However out of them only twelve replies contain lists of objects which total 870 An abstract of these lists of objects is given in Appendix VIII

A general analysis of the replies received showed that in spite of several circular letters and a printed questionnaire explaining the objectives of the Committee, there seems to have been insufficient understanding of the types of objects to be identified It was even pointed out to the officers addressed that the identification of the objects was only for the purpose of preserving them in situ so as to obviate any feeling that if objects are listed, they are likely to be taken away elsewhere for preservation At its meeting on August 19, 1985, the Committee suggested that a circular letter (Appendix VII) containing the names of offices which have sent positive replies may be issued to those who have sent 'nil' replies as an incentive for creating a sense of confidence and sending positive replies Thus during the tenure of the Committee it devised various means to elicit from the departments in the State, replies of a positive nature containing lists of objects worth preserving for posterity

One hundred and twenty eight Government offices and institutions have sent 'nil' replies to the questionnaire, and this may probably be due to the fact that there was difficulty in classifying what would come under the purview of the Committee's questionnaire and what would not. Furniture, crockery, photographs, clocks being objects of everyday use, many would not probably give much importance to these objects as cultural materials of the recent past, which could contribute to the preserving of our cultural heritage. It is possible that some might have been under the impression that once the objects are identified, these might be transferred at a later stage for preservation as museum pieces Further there might

have the fear that once objects are identified, routine day-to-day care of these objects is a must, thereby imposing more responsibilities in the offices and institutions concerned

It may be seen however from the list of objects received from a few offices that these objects have a period flavour about tham and deserve to be presereved Quite often the preservation may be only a matter of taking proper care of them and of mending them if they have been damaged It should also be ensured that in no case these are altered to make them look modern (eg the covering of caned furniture with laminated sheets) In the matter of preserving them, it is necessary that expert opinion is sought, and this could be made available from the sections of the Government Museum, Madras especially the Chemical Conservation Laboratory.

As for the antiquities in government buildings identified by the Committee with the help of concerned departments and offices and listed in Appendix IX, the Committee makes the following recommendations for their preservation.

1 The objects may be recorded in a separate register in the respective Department or Office and numbered separately to differentiate them from similar other objects in their departments or offices and to help in periodical inspection of their condition

2. No alteration in the appearance of the objects may be carried out Every effort should be made to preserve their original appearance In case any damage which has already occured in them is to be mended, such mending has to be carried out in consultation with the Government Museum, Madras which could extend necessary facilities for this purpose

3 The care of such objects may be entrusted to a responsible officer of the concerned department who could periodically review their condition and take steps to keep them in a good state of preservation Such care will include periodical cleaning, polishing, varnishing etc

4 The expenditure for preservation and mending, as the case may be, may be incurred by the concerned department from its own funds Government may however consider sanctioning special funds if necessary for care of the objects when approached by the concerned department or office. It may be stated that this expenditure may not be large

5. In no case however these objects may be disposed of by the departments concerned without consulting the Government Museum, Madras Every effort should be made to restore them even when they are damaged and not to dispose them of

This report is submitted to Government in pursuance of para No 7 in G O Ms No 2146 of November 14, 1983. In case further particulars are received from more departments, a supplementary report would be submitted to Government in due course. The Committee requests Government to take into consideration its recommendations as mentioned above and issue such orders as may be necessary to preserve these objects which are valuable as cultural materials of a recent period in our country's history.

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APPENDIX I

GOVT. ORDER ISSUED (Ms. No. 2146 Education, Science and Technology dated 14.11.83) FOR THE FORMATION OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

Museums - Preservation of antiquities in Government buildings Expert Committee - Constituted

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Education, Science & Technology Department

G O Ms No 2146 Dated 14 11 83

Read

From the Union Minister of Education and Social Welfare, Lr No F 4-2/82-CA5, Dt 19 7 82

From the Director of Museums, Lr. No 7204/82,E3, dated 20 10 83

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ORDER

The Government of India in the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare have suggested to this Government to set up an Expert Committee to identify the large number of old paintings, art objects, furniture, crockery etc. which are lying unattended in the basements of Museums, Raj Bhavan, and other Government buildings, in order to classify them as antiquities and works of arts and take action for their preservation

2 The Government have examined the above suggestion of the Government of India in consultation with the Director of Museums The Government constitute an Expert Committee with the following members, to identify the objects in various Government Buildings in Tamil Nadu

1	Director of Museums	Chairman
2	Director of Archaeology	Member
3	Chief Engineer (Buildings) Public Works Department or his nominee	Member
4	Director of Municipal Administration or his nominee	Member
5	Curator (Archaeological Section), Govt Museum, Madras	Member
6	Curator (Anthropology Section), Govt Museum, Madras	Member
7	Registering Officer (Arch Dept) Madras	Member

3 The Government also permit the Director of Museums, Madras to associate the Curator, Chemical Conservation Section Government Museum, Madras in the preservation of the objects that are identified by the Committee

4 The Director of Museums, will be the convenor of the said Committee The tenure of the Committee **will be for one year with effect from the date of issue of this order.** It shall meet as often as necessary The functions of the Committee shall be as follows -

i) The antiquities such as old paintings, art objects, furniture, crockery art etc kept in Government Buildings (i.e) Raj Bhavan, Circuit Houses, Guest Houses Municipal buildings etc shall be identified

ii) After identification necessary steps shall be taken for their proper preservation

5 The Government also approve the proposal of the Director of Museums, that the identification and preservation of antiquities in the various Government buildings in the Districts, be entrusted to the Registering Officers of the Department of Archaeology and the Curators of the District Museums of the Department of Museums in the Districts under the overall supervision of the Expert Committee constituted in para 1 above

6 The Colloctors of Districts are requested to render necessary assistance to the Registering Officers of their Department of Archaeology and Curators of the Department of Museums in this matter

7 The Committee shall submit its report to Government as early as possible for onward transmission to the Government of India

8 The expenditure on holding the meetings will be debited to "278 A Art and Culture - AE Archives and Museums - I Non Plan AD Government Museums-04 Travel Expenses (D.P C 278A AEAD 0478)

9 This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U O No. 117970/Edn./83-1,dt 28 10.83

(By order of the Governor)

T D Sundar Raj,
Commissioner & Secretary to Govt

/Forwarded/

Section Officer

/true copy/

Director of Museums

APPENDIX II

EXPERT COMMITTEE CIRCULAR LETTER (No. 7204/82-E3 dated 17.5.84) ADDRESSED TO ALL THE DISTRICT COLLECTORS ETC.

Copy of letter No 7204/82-E3 dated 17 5 1984 from the Director of Museums, Government Museum, Madras-8 addressed to all district collectors etc

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Sub - Antiquities - identification and preservation of antiquities in Govt buildings - Expert Committee - Constituted - particulars of objects available in the Govt buildings - regarding

Ref - G O. Ms No. 2146, Edn. Sci & Tech dt 14 11 83

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In the G O cited (Copy enclosed) the Govt of Tamil Nadu have constituted an Expert Committee to identify old paintings, art objects, furniture, crockery art etc , kept in the Govt buildings i e, Raj Bhavan, Circuit Houses, Guest Houses, Municipal buildings etc , and for taking steps to preserve them preperly after identification The first meeting of the Expert Committee was held in the Govt Museum, Madras on 16 4 84 The Committee discussed the criteria to be adopted in identifying the paintings, art objects, furniture, crockery etc , in Govt buildings and it was agreed by the Committee members present at the meeting that all objects pertaining to the period before independence may be considered to come under the purview of the Committee for preservation

I therefore request you to kindly send me a list of objects like old paintings, art objects, furniture, crockery, etc , pertaining to the period before independence available in the Govt. buildings under your charge at an early date for proceeding further in the matter.

Sd/- Director of Museums

/True copy/ Sd/-

Asst Director of Museums

APPENDIX II-A.

EXPERT COMMITTEE'S CIRCULAR (LETTER No. 7204/82-E3 dated 11.7.84) ADDRESSED TO ALL GOVT. OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS.

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From

The Director of Museums,
Government Museum,
Egmore, Madras-600 008

Lr No 7204/82-E3 dated 11 7 84

Sir,

Sub - Antiquities - identification and preservation of antiquities in Govt buildings - Expert Committee formation - particulars of objects available in Govt. buildings - reminder - regarding

Ref - 1 G O.Ms No 2146 Education, Science and Technology, dt 14 4 83
2 This office circular letter No 7204/82-E3 dt 17 5 84 to all collectors etc ,

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In the office circular letter dated 17 5 84 cited at (2) above, you were requested to send a list of objects like old paintings, art objects, furniture, crockery etc . pertaining to the period before Independence, available in the Government buildings, under your charge, for taking steps to preserve them after proper identification.

In this connection, it has been felt by the Expert Committee that a listing of the types of objects which are to be identified would be helpful in carrying out this work Accordingly a list of the types of objects is given below Such of the objects as have been above fifty years in use may be listed

1 Cots, 2 Chairs, 3. Book racks, 4. Mirror stands, 5 Wall clocks, 6 Portraits, 7 Photographs, 8 Prints, 9 Paintings, 10. Plaques, 11 Statues, 12 Busts, 13. Carpets, 14. Crockery items, 15 Musical Instruments, 16. War Shields, 17 Trophies and 18 Weapons

It is further clarified that the purpose of preparation of these lists is to enable steps to be taken for preserving the objects in situ They would not be disturbed from their places

Further the District Collectors are also requested kindly to furnish the list of objects in the Collectorate Office buildings themselves apart from other Govt buildings under their control in the district

May I request you, therefore, to kindly furnish me the list of objects on or before 2nd August 1984, for taking further action.

/true copy/

Director

APPENDIX III

EXPERT COMMITTEE'S CIRCULAR (No. 7204/82-E3 dated 21.1.85) WITH THE PRINTED QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS.

Thiru N Harinarayana,
Director of Museums.

Government Museum, Egmore,
Madras - 600 008

Dated January 21, 1985

D. O No 7204/82-E3

Dear Thiru/Tmt.

Sub - Government Museum, Madras - Antiquities - identification and preservation of antiquities in Government buildings - Expert Committee's particulars of objects - available in Government buildings - questionnaire - filling up - regarding.

Ref - G O.Ms No 2146, Education, Science and Technology dated 14 11 1983
This office letter No 7204/82-E3 dated 11 7 84

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I am glad to state that many departments and offices responded to our letter cited However on reviewing the replies received, it was found that most of them were 'NIL' replies The Expert Committee took note of the large number of 'nil' replies and felt that possibly if a questionnaire listing the types of objects was prepared and circulated there may be a more detailed response In aursuance of the Committee's decision, a questionnaire has been prepared and is sent herewith We would be thankful to you if you could fill up the questionnaire The Committee has been constituted to help in the preservation of objects which are not antiques but which are important as cultural materials of the recent past and the first task of the Committee is to prepare a list of such objects available in Government buildings in the State. It is also assured that the listed objects would not be disturbed from their present location.

In view of the importance of this objective, you would be contributing to the preservation of our cultural heritage if you could help the Committee by returning the questionnaire filled in detail We request you to do the needful

Thanking you,

sd/- Director of Museums

Encl Questionnaire

/true copy/ Sd/-

For Director of Museums

PRESERVATION OF PERIOD PIECES IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS -- EXPERT COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

(Guidelines for filling up the questionnaire Only objects, belonging to the period before Independence, in Government buildings need be *mentioned* For further details, the District Registration Officer of the State Department of Archaeology or the curator of the nearest Deistrict Museum may be contacted. The questionnaire may kindly be returned to the Director of Museums, Government Museum, Madras-600 008 after being filled up)

Name of the Department / office

Address

Sl No	Type of objects	Number availabe	Whether in use	Condition	Location
1	Chairs				
2	Cots				
3	Book racks				
4	Mirror stands				
5	Clocks				
6	Portraits, paintings Plaques, etc ,				
7	Photographs				
8	Prints				
9	Statues, busts etc ,				
10.	Decorative carpets				
11	Crockery, cutlery etc.,				
12	Musical instruments				
13	War shields, trophies, weapons etc ,				
14	Any other item not covered in this list				

Signature of the head of
the Department / Institution

Date

Station

APPENDIX IV

AN INTERIM REPORT OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE (Dated 31.1.85) SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT

A REPORT OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ANTIQUITIES IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, GOVERNMENT MUSEUM, MADRAS, FOR THE PERIOD FROM 14.11.1983 TO 31.1.1985.

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The Government of Tamil Nadu have constituted an Expert Committee (as per the G O Ms No 2146 Education, Science and Technology Department, dated 14 11 1983) to identify the large number of paintings, art objects, furniture, crockery etc, which are lying unattended to in the basement of museum, Raj Bhavans and other Govt buildings, in order to take action for their proper preservation The Committee is headed by the Director of Museums, Govt Museum, Madras and the other members of the Committee are the Director of Archaeology, Chief Engineer (Buildings) Public Works Department or his nominee, the Director of Municipal Administration or his nominee, the Curator for Archaeology and the Curator for Anthropology of the Govt. Museum, Madras and the Registration Officer of the State Archaeology Department Besides the Government have permitted the Curator for Chemical Conservation Section of the Madras Government Museum to coopt and to associate in preservation of objects that are identified by the Committee The tenure of the Committee was for a year from the date of issue of the order i e, 14 11 83

The Expert Committee met eight times (16/4/84, 21/5/84, 19/6/84, 13/8/84, 24/9/84, 29/10/84, 3/12/84, and 21/1/85) to date and discussed the matter in detail and issued circular letters (7204/84-E3 dated 17 5 84 and dated 11.7.84) twice in an eleborate and simplified way for preparing the list of objects in Govt buildings, to more than forty institutions and Departments in the districts and in Madras city The response was not so encouraging and except the P W D Madras circle and the Collectorate of Pudukkottai, the other Departments and institutions have not yet furnished the list of objects for identifying and for preservation However quite a few departments such as the Medical Education Department, (The Thanjavur Medical College, The Chingle pattu Medical college, the Madurai Medical college the peripheral Hospital at K K Nagar, Madras and Anna Nagar, Madras and the Institute of T B and Chest Diseases, Chetput, Madras) six Collectorates (The South Arcot, The Periyar, Kanyakumari Madurai, The Nilgiris and Dharmapuri) the Anna University, Madras, the D G P and D I G (C I D) Madras and the Rajaji Hall etc, have sent nil reports The Expert Committee at its meeting held on 24 9 84 took serious note of the large number of nil replies and felt that possibly if

a questionnaire listing the types of objects was prepared and circulated there may be more a detailed response In persuance of the committee's decision a questionnaire has been prepared and printed (copy enclosed) and sent to fifty institutions and Departments in the Districts and in Madras City Once the relevant particulars are collected through the questionnaire, an inventory of objects will be prepared and after identifying them, they may be preserved in situ and they would not be disturbed.

The Committee at its meeting held on 24 9 84 suggested that due course the members of the Committee may undertake tours and meet the District Officers at different centres and impress upon them about the method of identifying the period pieces in Government buildings. The Committee at its meetings held on 3 12 84 and on 21 1 85 had resolved that orders from the Government may be obtained appropriate time to the effect that any proposal for disposal of pre-independence materials/objecrs in all Government buildings in the State may be approved only after being referred to the Director of Museums, Government Museum, Madras and obtain his clearance The Committee in its sitting on 3rd Dec.'84 suggested that an imterim report may be sent to the Government about the activities of the Expert Committee during the past one year Further at its meeting held on 13th August 1984, the Committee resolved to request the Government to extend the tenure of the Committee for six more months from 14 11 84 so that the list of the objects be collected, processed and classified for preservation etc

sd/- Director of Museums, i/c
Government Museum, Madras-8
& Chairman, Expert Committee

/true copy/

Sd/-
for Director of Museums

APPENDIX V

EXPERT COMMITTEE'S CIRCULAR LETTER (No. 7204/82-E3 dt. 18.6.85) ISSUED TO ALL THE GOVT. OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS

திரு என். ஹரிநாராயணா,
அருங்காட்சியகங்களின் இயக்குநர்.

அரசு அருங்காட்சியகம்,
எழும்பூர், சென்னை 8

நாள்: 18.6.1985

நே. மு. க எண். 7204/84/இ3

அன்புடையீர்,

பொருள்:– பழம்பொருட்களைப் பாதுகாத்தல் - ''அரசு கட்டிடங்களிலுள்ள பழம்பொருட்களைப் பாதுகாக்கும் வல்லுநர்க்குழு'' - தகவல் சேகரிக்கும்தாள் – பொருட்களைப் பிரித்தல் - தொடர்பாக

பார்வை:– அரசாணை எம்.எஸ். எண். 2146 கல்வி, விஞ்ஞானம், தொழில்நுட்பம் நாள் 14.11.83
2. இவ்வலுவலக கடித எண் 7204/82 இ3 நாள் 11.7.84
3. இவ்வலுவலக நே.மு க.எண்.7204/82 இ3 நாள்: 21.1.85

பார்வை ஒன்றில் கண்டுள்ளபடி, அரசு ஆணைக்கேற்ப அரசு கட்டிடங்களிலுள்ள பழம்பொருட்களை பாதுகாக்கும் வல்லுநர் குழுவின் முதற் கூட்டம் 16.4.84 அன்று கூடி செயலாற்ற தொடங்கியுள்ளது. நமது அரசு கட்டிடங்களில், இந்திய விடுதலைக்கு முன்புவரை உபயோகித்த இன்னும் உபயோகித்துவரும் அல்லது உபயோகமற்று கிடங்கில் கிடக்கும் பழம் அல்லது அரும்பொருட்களை அவைகளின் அமைப்பு வடிவில் பலவகையாக பிரித்து அதை ஒரு பட்டியலாக தொகுத்து, அப்பொருட்களை அவைகள் இருக்கின்ற கட்டிடங்களிலேயே பாதுகாக்க வேண்டிய ஏற்பாடுகளைச் செய்து, நாட்டின் கலை, பண்பாடு, கலாச்சாரம் ஆகியவைகளை வளர்த்து பாதுகாத்தலே இந்த உயர் குழுவின் சிறப்பு அம்சங்களாகும். இதைக் குறிக்கோளாகக்கொண்டு பழம்பொருட்கள் எவ்வகைப்படும் என்பதையும் அவைகளை எத்தகையபின கீழ் வகைப்படுத்துதல் நல்லது என்பதையும் காட்ட மாதிரி ''தகவல் சேகரிக்கும் தாள்'' (Questionnaire) ஒன்று தயாரிக்கப்பட்டு, அச்சடிக்கப்பட்டு எல்லா அலுவலகங்களுக்கும், பார்வை மூன்றில் குறித்துள்ள கடிதத்துடன் சேர்த்து அனுப்பப்பட்டது. ஆயினும் தகுந்த, சரியான பதில்கள் இன்னும் பல அலுவலகங்களிலிருந்து கிடைக்கப் பெறவில்லை. இதுகுறித்து சமீபத்தில் நடந்த இக்குழுவின் கூட்டத்தில் பேசப்பட்டது. அக்கூட்டத்தில் இப்பணியில் உதவிபுரிய மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர்களை அணுகவும், அவர்கள் தங்கள் மாவட்டத்திற்கேற்ற ஒரு தொடர்பு அதிகாரியை (Contact Officer/Liaison Officer) பெயர் குறிப்பிட்டு செய்யுமாறு கேட்டுக் கொள்ளலாமென்று கருதப்பட்டது.

அதற்கேற்று இப்பணியில் எங்களுக்கு உதவிபுரிய தங்கள் மாவட்டத்திற்கென ஒரு தொடர்பு அதிகாரியை பெயர்குறிப்பிட்டு செய்யுமாறும் அவரது விலாசத்தை இத்துறைக்கு தெரிவிக்குமாறும் கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறேன்

அன்புடன் தங்கள்
[ஒம்] ------

அருங்காட்சியகங்களின் இயக்குநர் மற்றும்
தலைவர், அரசு கட்டிடங்களிலுள்ள பழம்
பொருட்களை பாதுகாக்கும் வல்லுநர் குழு
அரசு அருங்காட்சியகம், சென்னை - 8.

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உதவி இயக்குநர்.

APPENDIX VI

GOVERNMENT ORDER ISSUED (Ms. No. 229, Tamil Development and Culture Department dated 8.8.85) EXTENDING THE TENURE OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR ONE MORE YEAR.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

Preservation of Antiquities in Government Buildings - Expert Committee - Extention of tenure - Orders - Issued.

TAMIL DEVELOPMENT-CULTURE (S1) DEPARTMENT

G O Ms No 229 Dated 8 8 1985

Read

1 G O Ms No. 2146, Education, Science and Technology, dated 14 11.83

2 From the Director of Museums Lr No 7204/82-E3, dated 22 9.84 and 7 2 1985

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ORDER

In the circumstances stated by the Director of Museums in his letter read above, the Government direct that the tenure of the Expert Committee constituted in the Government Order read above be extended for a further period of one year with effect from 14 11 1984. The Director of Museums is informed that the tenure of the Committee will not be extended beyond the period of present sanction

2 The Committee shall submit its report to Government as early as possible for onward transmission to the Government of India

3 This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U O No 77396/85-1, Education, dated 20 7 85

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

AVVAI NATARAJAN,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

//Forwarded By Order//

Section Officer

S/true copy/ Sd/-
for Director of Museums

APPENDIX VII

EXPERT COMMITTEE'S CIRCULAR LETTER (No. 7204/82-E3 dated 19.9.85) ISSUED TO ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND INSTITTUTIONS.

Department of Museums

From | To

The Director of Museums,
Government Museum,
Egmore, Madras-600 008

Lr. No 7204/82, E3 dated 19 9 85

Sir

Sub - Government Museum, Madras - Expert Committee for the Preservation of antiquities in Government buildings - questionnaire - regarding

Ref - 1 This Office Lt No 7204/82 - E3 dated 11 7 84
2 This Office Lr No 7204/82-E3 dated 21 1 85
3 G O Ms No. 229, Tamil Development - Culture Department, dated 8 8 85

I am glad to state that many departments and offices have responded to our letter cited above and returned the questionnaire, but mostly with negative replies The Committee which met in August 1985 had taken note of these negative replies and to create a sense of confidence, it suggested to issue a circular letter, quoting the names of Institutions which have sent positive replies Accordingly I am glad to state that nearly a dozen institutions such as the Corporation of Madras, the P W D Madras circle, The Assistant Commissioner, Urban Tax, Tirunelveli, the Taluk Office, Ambasamudram, the Poultry Extension Centre, Veepanthattai, Trichy, The Rajah Sarfoji College, Thanjavur, The Inspector of Factories, Trichy, Sub Registrar, Walaja, and the Stanlee Medical College, Madras have responded through the questionnaire and thus nearly a total number of 800 objects are brought under, for the review of the Committee

I am also enclosing herewith a copy of the G O extending the tenure of the Committee till 14 11 85 and I request you to kindly help us infilling up the questionnaire and returning the same to us on or before 15th October 1985 enabling us to prepare a consolidated report for submission to the Government in November 1985.

Thanking you,

sd/- for Director and
Chairman Expert Committee

/true copy/-

for Director of Museums

APPENDIX

ABSTRACT OF OBJECT LISTS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS

SL No	Name of Office	Chairs	Cots	Book racks	Mirror stand	clocks	Portraits Paintings, Plaques
1	Corporation of Madras Madras - 600 003	1	--	--	--	1	31
2	Raj Bhavan at Madras & Udhagamandalam (through P W D)	138	--	13	--	36	73
3	High Court, Madras (through P W D)	--	--	--	--	--	--
4	Government Museum, Madras	8	--	--	2*	18	13
		* (one without mirror)					
5	The Law College, Madras.	--	--	--	--	1	15
6	Poultry Extension Centre, Veppanthattai, Trichy Dt. Received thro' Veterinary Asst Surgeon)	3	--	2	--	1	–
7	Office of the Inspector of Factories, Trichy - 20	6	–	–	--	–	–
8	Office of the Asst Commissioner, Urban Land Tax, Tirunelveli -2	20	–	–	–	–	–
9	Taluk Office, Ambasamudram, Tirunelveli District	1	–	–	–	–	–
10	The Rajah Sarfoji Govt College, Thanjavur - 5	–	–	–	–	–	1
11	Office of the Commissioner, Nagapattinam Minicipality, Nagapattinam - 1	–	–	–	--	--	–
12	Sub - Registrar Office, Walaja, North Arcot District (through District Registrar, Arakonam)	8	–	–	–	–	--
		185	–	15	2	57	133

VIII

GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS

Photographs	Prints	Statúes Busts etc	Decorative carpets	Crockery, Cutlery etc.,	Musical Instruments	War shields, Trophies, Weapons	Other Items	Total Nos
3	--	14	--	--	--	--	3	43
--	67	--	38	309	5	--	2	681
--	--	3	--	--	--	--	3	6
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	19	60
--	2	--	--	--	--	--	10	28
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	12
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	20
--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	2
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--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	8
3	69	7	38	309	5	--	47	870

Director.

APPENDIX IX

DETAILS OF OBJECTS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AS LISTED BY THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT OFFICES INSTITUTIONS

RAJ BHAVANS, MADRAS & UTHAGAMANDALAM

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CROCKERY

Sl No	Particulars	No of Items
1	Basket fruit large (1A)	1
2	Basket fruit big (1B)	17
3	Basket fruit medium (1C)	4
4	Basket fruit small (1D)	1
5	Bowl China, with bottom & lid (2)	1
6	Box cigarettee, china, 2 compartments	1
7	Dish entree, (square) 3 pieces each (4A)	8
8	Dish entree, (square) 2 pieces each (4B)	7
9	Dish entree, (square) 2 pieces each (4C)	1
10	Dish entree, (square) 2 pieces each (4D)	1
11	Dish flat oval (5A)	5
12	Dish flat oval (5B)	19
13	Dish flat shape between oval & round (5C)	1
14	Dish flat shape between oval & round (5D)	1
15	Dish flat shape between oval & round (5E)	1
16	Dish flat shape between oval & round (5F)	1
17	Dish hot water oval without lid (6A)	1
18	Dish hot water round (6B)	12
19	Dish hot water round (6C)	8
20	Dish hot water round (6D)	9
21	Dish hot water round (6E)	3
22	Dish hot water 2 pieces wach (6F)	2
23	Dish pie oval 2 pieces, each (7)	1
24	Dish rice/curry, oval shape 2 pieces each (8A)	9

25	Dish rice/curry, oval shape (8B)	3
26	Dish rice/curry, oval shape (8C)	2
27	Dish rice/curry, oval shape (8D)	1
28	Dish rice/curry oval shape 3 pieces each (8E)	2
29	Dish rice/curry oval shape 3 pieces each (8F)	2
30	Dish rice/curry oval shape bottom piece only (8G)	4
31	Dish rice/curry oval shape 2 pieces each (8H)	13
32	Jar blue with dragon design with lid (9)	1
33	Jar china, blue design with lid (square) (10)	1
34	Lid for dish rice/curry (11A)	1
35	Lid for dish rice/curry oval shape (11B)	9
36	Lid for dish rice/curry oval shape (11C)	11
37	Lid for dish rice/curry oval shape (11D)	4
38	Lid for dish rice/curry oval shape (11E)	2
39	Lid for dish rice/curry oval shape (11F)	1
40	Lid for dish rice/curry oval shape (11G)	1
41	Lid for dish entree (12A)	4
42	Lid for dish entree (12B)	10
43	Lid for dish entree (12C)	2
44	Lid for dish flat with handle (12D)	3
45	Lid for dish flat with handle (12E)	1
46	Plate dessert oval (13A)	1
47	Plate dessert kidney shape (13B)	1
48	Plate dessert oval (13C)	3
49	Plate dessert 6 curved design (13D)	2
50	Plate dessert square (13E)	1
51.	Pot flower china (14)	2
52	Top jar china (15)	2
53	Top bath (16)	2
54	Vase flower boat shape (17)	3

PRINTS

55	P-62	Prospect of the country near Hooty Tallow	III First floor passages
56	P-84	West view of Ramberry	III Ground floor sitting room
57	P- 3	The Burial Place of peer Zada, Anopther	III Block stair case
58	P-76	Garden Gate, Seringapatnam	III Block Gr floor-Sitting room
59	P-83	North Front of Tippo's Palance Bangalore	III Block stair case
60	P-81	East view of Bangalore with a cypress Garden from a Pagoda	Polo Visto
61	P-85	North West view of Sandy bay Island of St Helena	
62	P-50	Kishtnaghurry	White Houre I floor
63.	P-71	North west view of Nanday Droog	Store room
64	P-75	The lake of Mooty Tallow near Seringapatnam	III Block suite III
65	P-88	The Mausoleum of Imder Aly Khan at Laul Baugh	Store room
66	P-137	A view from the King's Barracks Fort St. George	Store room
67	P-87	Hyder Aly's Tomb, Seringapatnam	III Block stair case
68	P-73	A view from the Royal Artillery Encampment Conditore	
69	P-68	Overflowing of the tank at strupermador.	III Block North room
70	P-43	A House in Bankipur	Rajendrakutir East room
71	P-15	A Pagoda	White House I Floor
72	P-106	North view of the Great Pagoda and Tank at Tanjore.	
73	P-16	A Hindoo Place of Worship	
74	P-107	Killader's Tomb Ouscottah	Polo Vista
75	P-130	Distant view of Mootethurna	Polo Vista
76	P-82	The square and entrance into Tippoo's Palace, Bangalore	Governor's Secretary's Office
77	P-77	A view of Ouseottah from an Eadgah	Polo Vista
78	P- 4	A view of the North St. of Fort St George	III Block East Room
79	P-41	West front of Tippoo's Palace, Bangalore	III Block Entrance
80	P-109	A view from the Royal Artillery encampment Conjevaram.	III Block I floor Dining room

81	P-37	A Moorish Mosque at Bangalore.	III Block Entrance
82	P-72	West Gate of Firoz Shah's Cotillah, Delhi	Lawley room
83	P-136	Music Galler at the entrance of the Mosque, Seringapatnam	Lawley room
84	P- 2	A view within the walls of a Pagoda, Madras	III Block Gr floor, sitting room
85	P-47	Fortress of Gwalier taken by General Pophan in 1779	Store room
86	P-58	A view in the Barrah Maual	III Block I floor dining room
87		The South entrance into the Fort of Bangalore	
88	P-49	Multura Fort	
89	P-42	Fort Square, from the South side of the Parade, Fort St. George.	
90	P-35	Durry Durgam, the head of the pass into the Barrah Maual	III Block I floor sitting room
91	P-174	A Choultry, the place of worship caved out of the top of rock of Tritchnopoly in high repute by the Malabars	Store room
92	P-128	Kuttull Minor Delhi	White House I floor
93	P-48	A Mosque at Strupermdor	III Block stair case
94	P-105	North view of Mizvaram Choultry in the Tanjore Country	
95	P-34	The Royal Artillery Encampment, Arcot	III Block entrance
96	P-108	A Pagoda at Struperumdor	III Block stair case
97.	P-86	Conmillah Late the residence of John Buller ESQR	III Block North room
98	P-80	East view of the City of Medura	Store room
99	P-49	The Tomb of a Mourish Lady Bengal	
100	P-39	A view of Part of St Thome street, Fort St George.	III Block East room
101	P-98	The Delhi Gate of Bangalore	Rajaji Suite
102	P-70	Hyder Ally Khan's own Family Tumb, at Colar	III Block stair case
103	P-78	A view of Cotra Broog	Store room
104	P-84	South Eastern view of WYCONDA (A Pagoda) near Trichinopoly	Office of the Secretary to Governor
105	P-133	East view of Seringapatnam	Suite III, 3rd Block.
106	P-79	South front of the great GATEWAY of Seringham Bagoda	Rajendrakudir, East

107	P-129	Same as quarry Durgam the head of the pass the Barras Maual	Third Block stair case
108	P-95	Kuttull Minor, Delhi	Rajaji Suite
109	P-135	A Hindoo Place of Workship	Store room
110	P-5	The Delhi gate of Bangalore	Stair case III Block
111	P-111	A Pagoda	Rajaji Suite
112	P-131	Ambasundaram	III Block I Floor Sitting room
113	P-1	A view of the Govt House and Counsel Chamber Madras (to the Mt Hon'ble Edward Clive, Earl of Paris late Governor of Fort St George in the East Indies this engrawing is most respectfully inscribed by his Lordship's devoted and most obedient servant Edwd Orme	
114	P-112	The Govt House, Fort St George	III Block I Floor Sitting room
115	P-115	A view of part of St. Thome street, Fort St George	
116	P-116	North view of Shole GHURRY	Office of the Secy to Governor
117	P-118	A view of the Road at Struperumador	III Block Stair case
118	P-119	Part of the black town Madras	Store room
119	P-120	The Govt House, Fort St George	Store room
120	P-121	Anchaur a Valual's Palace in the Tertory of Bengal	Polo vista
121	P-122	Overflowing of the Tank at Struperumdor.	III Block I Floor sitting room

FURNITURE

Sl. No.	Particulars	No of Items	
		Madras	Uthagamandalam
122.	Bedsteads	18	19
123	Bookracks	7	6
124	Carpets	1	--
125	Chairs	65	71
126	Clocks	27	9
127	Pictures	73	--
128	Pianos	3	2
129	Benches	--	2

II HIGH COURT, MADRAS (Received through P.W.D)

STATUES:

130	Sri Vembakkam Bashyam Iyyangar Advocate General 1897. Judge High Court 1901 to 1904	1
131	William Miller Principal Madras Christian College, 1901	1
132	Thiruvarur Muthuswamy Iyyer Judge of High Court 1878-1895	1

Ornamental instricate wood carvings

133 In chief Justice Court Hall
High Court Halls, II, IV, V

Ornamental lime plastering with florae Designs

134 Central Dome of High Court

Old Light House

135 Constructed during 1838 to 1844

III CORPORATION OF MADRAS, MADRAS.

136	Chairs	1
137	Clock	1
138	Portraits, Paintings, Plaques etc.,	31
139	Photographs	3
140	Statues, busts etc.	3 statues, 1 bust
141.	Any other item (Cannon)	3

IV GOVERNMENT MUSEUM, MADRAS

142	Chairs	8
143	Mirror Stands	2 (one without mirror)
144	Clocks	18
145	Portraits, Paintings etc.	13
146	Any other items (Tables 4, Benches 7, Safe 8)	19

V LAW COLLEGE, MADRAS-1

147.	Clock	1
148	Portraits, Paintings etc.	15
149	Prints	2
150	Any other item Ornamental almirahs	10

VI POULTRY EXTENSION CENTRE, VEPPANTHATTAI
PERUMBALUR TALUK, TRICHY.
(received through Veterinary Asst Surgeon)

151	Chairs	3
152	Book racks	2
153	Clock	1